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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated March 29, 2007, the following comments are directed toward the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance:

Applicants respectfully submit that the reasons for allowance of the present application are not restricted to the reasons cited by the Examiner. The prior art of record in the present application does not collectively disclose the combination of inventive features recited in each of the claims of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit, for the sole purpose of completing the record, that the reasons for allowance of the present application are not limited to the Examiner's Statement.

Moreover, the reasons for allowance also notes a possible provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection with regard to Application Nos. 10/520,708 (apparently 10/510,708 as stated in the Interview Summary attached to the Notice of Allowability) and 10/505,452, with the Examiner stating that since the applications have not been allowed, the instant claims are allowed first. Applicants note this indication of a possible provisional obviousness-type double

patenting rejection over the indicated applications, and reserve their right to present arguments against any double patenting rejection if made in the applications. Additionally, Applicants are not expressing any agreement with the Examiner's indication that an obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate with respect to the claims of the present application and Application Nos. 10/510,708 and 10/505,452.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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